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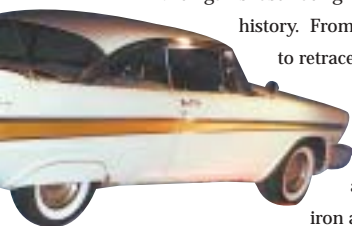
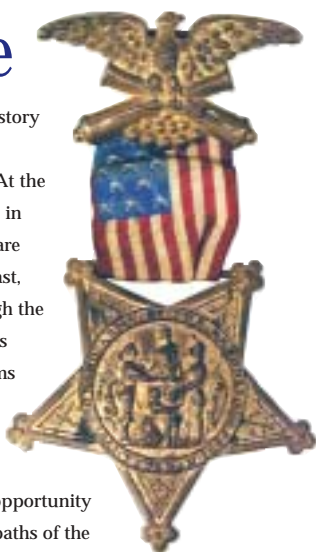


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Welcome

Stop along the pathway of history as you explore the Michigan Historical Museum system. At the Michigan Historical Museum in downtown Lansing, visitors are surrounded by Michigan's past, from prehistoric times through the late twentieth century. Across Michigan, the eleven museums and historic sites within the system feature aspects of Michigan's fascinating



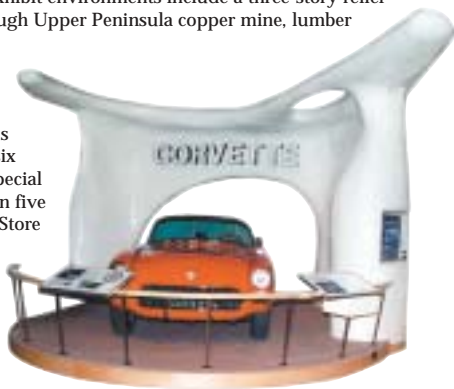
history. From the opportunity to retrace the paths of the first French missionaries and explorers to a chance to learn more about the iron and copper mining industries; from discovering the lifestyles of the lumberjacks to learning about the social customs of genteel Victorian society; from interpreting the cultures of early Native American peoples to imagining life along an early Michigan thoroughfare, the museums and historic sites of the Michigan Historical Museum system present a rich panorama of Michigan's past.



Enjoy the entire Michigan Historical Museum system—your pathway to fun-bridging Michigan's magnificent peninsulas with the rich heritage of our state.

Michigan Historical Museum *Lansing*

Flagship of Michigan's state museum system, the Michigan Historical Museum surrounds visitors with Michigan history from prehistoric times through 1975. Major exhibit environments include a three-story relief map of Michigan, walk-through Upper Peninsula copper mine, lumber baron's mansion, one-room schoolhouse, 1920s street scene, 1930s bungalow, 1957 Detroit Auto Show, and a diorama featuring Michigan's woods and waters. Twenty-six permanent galleries and a Special Exhibit Gallery are located on five levels. Explore the Museum Store for Michigan history-related publications and gift items.



Daily Attractions

- Michigan Historical Museum tours approximately two hours (handicapper accessible)
- Snack shop available (Monday - Friday)
- Special events throughout the year (call for details)



Address: 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: (517) 373-3559 www.michiganhistory.org **Location:** 2 blocks west of Capitol. Follow Capitol Loop signs. Take I-496 to M.L. King exit. Go north continuing on Capitol Loop. **Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Free. Parking is free on weekends. Minimal parking charge weekdays.

Mann House *Concord*

In 1883 Daniel and Ellen Mann built their two-story house in the small, picturesque farming community of Concord. The late-Victorian building features front and back parlors, unusual catch-release doorknobs and a marbled slate fireplace. Eight rooms of the home contain period furniture pieces dating from the 1840s through 1873—the year Ellen and Daniel were married. Restored flower and herb gardens and a carriage house with carriages, sleighs and other artifacts help illustrate the way Michiganders worked and played in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In 1969 the Mann sisters, Jessie Ellen Mann and Mary Ida Mann Cady, bequeathed their home to the people of Michigan. The Mann House opened to the public as a museum one year later.



Daily Attractions

- Guided tours of the historic house
- Guided tours of the historic gardens
- Special programs for educators, families and children

Address: 205 Hanover, Concord, MI **Phone:** (517) 524-8943

www.michiganhistory.org **Location:** 12 miles west of Jackson via M-60. The house is located by the Presbyterian Church. **Hours:** June 2 through August 29; Wednesday - Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Admission:** Free. Please allow one hour to tour the house and grounds. Mann House is not handicapper accessible.

Walker Tavern

Cambridge Junction



From 1836 to 1853—when a stagecoach ride from Detroit to Chicago was an arduous five-day trip—a favorite stopping place to change horses, relax, and enjoy a meal was Lucy and Sylvester Walker's farmhouse tavern. Their Federal-style home and

New England-style farm were located at the intersection of the Detroit-Chicago Road and the Monroe Pike at Cambridge Junction. The Walker Tavern Complex interprets Michigan's frontier settlement and stagecoach eras during the first half of the nineteenth century.

Daily Attractions

- Visitor center with exhibits • Audiovisual program • Period historical room exhibits • Programming for educators, families and children • Picnicking facilities available on-site

Address: 13220 M-50 Brooklyn, MI 48230 **Phone:** (517) 467-4401

www.michiganhistory.org **Location:** In the Irish Hills region, 35 miles west of Ann Arbor at the junction of U.S. 12 and M-50. **Hours:** June 2 through August 29; Wednesday - Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed RACE weekends. Remainder of the year by special appointment. Allow one to two hours for your visit. **Admission:** Free.

Hartwick Pines Logging Museum *Grayling*

Hartwick Pines Logging Museum is situated among the towering trees of one of Michigan's largest remaining stands of virgin white pine. Here, visitors return to the state's nineteenth-century logging era, when thousands of men cut millions of board feet of lumber and Michigan led the nation in sawed lumber production. Within the forest visitor center and logging camp buildings, exhibits and period rooms tell the stories of the loggers, rivermen and entrepreneurs who powered Michigan's white pine industry. A paved trail through the forest leads visitors to the three-hundred-year-old Monarch pine, a remnant of the ancient forests that once covered most of northern Michigan.



Daily Attractions

- Visitor center with exhibits, audiovisual programs and museum store
- Logging camp exhibits • Forest trails
- Camping, picnicking, hiking and other seasonal activities

Address: 4216 Ranger Road, Grayling, MI **Phone:** (989) 348-7068
www.michiganhistory.org **Location:** 8 miles northeast of Grayling on M-93.
From I-75, take exit 259. **Hours:** June through Labor Day, daily 9:00 a.m. to dusk. **Admission:** Entrance requires a state park motor vehicle permit.

Civilian Conservation Corps Museum *Roscommon*



In an effort to "put Americans back to work" during the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) enrolled over 100,000 young men in Michigan to perform a variety of conservation and reforestation projects. Between 1933 and 1942, the Michigan CCC planted 484 million trees, spent 140,000 days fighting forest fires, and constructed 7,000 miles of truck trails, 504 bridges and 222 buildings. Their accomplishments also revitalized the Michigan state park system, helped to establish Isle Royale National Park and improved campgrounds in Michigan's national forests. With the

United States' entry into World War II, the CCC was discontinued. CCC alumni donated to the museum many of the photographs and artifacts depicting their day-to-day life and accomplishments.

Daily Attractions

- Replica CCC barracks building with exhibits
- Nature walk through pine nursery, cone barn with exhibits and other outdoor exhibits
- Camping, swimming and other seasonal activities
- Museum tour (allow one hour to tour grounds)

Address: P.O. Box 1252, Roscommon, MI 48653 **Phone:** (517) 373-3559
www.michiganhistory.org **Location:** CCC Museum is located in North Higgins Lake State Park, 15 miles south of Grayling along Roscommon Road. Exit I-75 or U.S. 27. **Hours:** Memorial Day through Labor Day, daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Admission:** Free.

Father Marquette Memorial

St. Ignace



Father Jacques Marquette, a French Jesuit missionary and explorer, established Michigan's earliest European settlements at Sault Ste. Marie (1668) and St. Ignace (1671). On a rise overlooking the Straits of Mackinac, the Father Marquette National Memorial tells the story of that seventeenth-century missionary-explorer and the meeting of French and Native American cultures deep in the North American interior.

Daily Attractions

- The Father Marquette National Memorial
- 15-station interpretive trail
- Panoramic view of the Mackinac Bridge
- Modern camping (available in Straits State Park)

Address: 720 Church Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781

Phone: Park office (906) 643-8620 www.michiganhistory.org

Location: Enter from Boulevard Drive, off U.S. 2, one block west of I-75. **Hours:** Memorial Day through September, daily 9:00 a.m. to dusk. **Admission:** Free admission to memorial ground. Please allow one hour for your visit.



Michigan Iron Industry Museum

Negaunee

Amid the forested ravines of the Marquette Iron Range, the Michigan Iron Industry Museum overlooks the Carp River and the site of the first iron forge in the Lake Superior region. Museum exhibits, audiovisual programs and outdoor interpretive paths depict the large-scale capital and

human investment that made Michigan an industrial leader. A planned building addition will expand exhibit space, house the restored 1860s mine locomotive *Yankee*, and enhance visitor and educational services. For more information about the museum expansion visit www.michigan.gov/ironindustrymuseum

Daily Attractions

- Hands-on exhibits
- Outdoor interpretive paths
- 18-minute slide program "Life on the Michigan Iron Ranges"
- Gift counter (please allow one hour to tour grounds)

Address: 73 Forge Road, Negaunee, MI 49886 **Phone:** (906) 475-7857

www.michiganhistory.org **Location:** Enter from Forge Road off County Road 492 (Maas Street), across from the Negaunee cemetery. **Hours:** May through October, daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Admission:** Free. Please allow one to two hours for your visit.

Fort Wilkins Historic Complex
Copper Harbor Lighthouse



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The Michigan Historical Museum is a division of the Michigan Historical Center, an agency of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries.

Michigan Historical Museum System



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Copper Harbor Lighthouse

Copper Harbor



Since 1849, twelve years before the Civil War, the Copper Harbor Light Station has marked the entrance to one of Michigan's northernmost harbors. Today, interactive exhibits, period rooms and interpretive trails tell of the dangers of Lake Superior shipping and the duties and homelife of lightkeepers and their families.

Daily Attractions

- The 1848 keeper's dwelling
- 1866 lighthouse
- Museum exhibits
- 1844 copper mine site
- Interpretive trails and scenic vistas of Lake Superior

Address: Fort Wilkins State Park, Copper Harbor, MI 49918 **Phone:** (906) 289-4215 www.michiganhistory.org **Location:** Enter the Copper Harbor Marina from M-26, 1/2 mile west of Copper Harbor. **Hours:** Memorial Day through Labor Day, daily 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., weather permitting. Extended evening hours, July through August. Call ahead for fall schedule. **Admission:** Public access is by round-trip boat transportation leaving from the Copper Harbor Marina. For current schedule and ticket information, call Fort Wilkins State Park at (906) 289-4215. Please allow two hours for your visit.

Fort Wilkins

Copper Harbor

Built in 1844 on the rugged shoreline of Lake Superior, Fort Wilkins is a well-preserved example of mid-nineteenth century army life on the northern frontier.

Today, through exhibits, audio-visual programs and living history interpretation, visitors may explore the daily routine of military service and experience with soldiers' families the hardships of frontier isolation.



Daily Attractions

- 21 historic buildings
- First commercial copper mine shafts on Keweenaw Point
- Costumed interpreters
- Lighthouse boat tour (fee charged)
- Modern camping and picnicking

Address: Fort Wilkins State Park, Copper Harbor, MI 49918 **Phone:** (906) 289-4215 www.michiganhistory.org **Location:** Enter from U.S. 41, one mile east of Copper Harbor. **Hours:** Mid-May through mid-October, daily 8 a.m. to dusk. The 1848

Copper Harbor Light Station, including interactive exhibits, period rooms and interpretive trails, is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Call ahead for fall schedule. **Admission:** Entrance requires a state park motor vehicle permit. Please allow two hours for your visit and an additional 1.5 hours for lighthouse tour.



Fayette Historic Townsite

Garden



Once a bustling industrial community that manufactured charcoal pig iron between 1867 and 1891, Fayette offers visitors the unmatched serenity of a Lake Michigan harbor, white cliffs and verdant forests. This well-preserved museum village recalls another time when it was a noisy, dirty company town with an immigrant population that shared daily hardships, joys and sorrows.

Daily Attractions

- 20 historic buildings: furnace complex, town hall, hotel, company office and workers' homes, museum exhibits, outdoor walking tour and scenic overlooks
- A modern visitor center
- Scheduled guided tours, mid-June through August
- Camping, picnicking and swimming are available in the park



Address: Fayette Historic State Park, Garden, MI 49835

Phone: (906) 644-2603 www.michiganhistory.org

Location: Enter from M-183, between Manistique and Escanaba, 17 miles south of U.S. 2. **Hours:** Mid-May through mid-June, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mid-June through Labor Day, 9:00 a.m. to dusk. Labor Day through mid-October, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Admission:** By Michigan state park motor vehicle permit. Please allow two to three hours for your visit.

Tawas Point Lighthouse

East Tawas

Tawas Point Lighthouse, in operation since 1876 and now part of Tawas Point State Park, is a fascinating attraction for maritime buffs. Tawas Point is also a mecca for birdwatchers, especially in the migration seasons of spring and fall. Tawas Point also offers spectacular views of sunrises over Lake Huron and sunsets over Tawas Bay.



Daily Attractions

- Lighthouse history
- Museum store
- Scenic views
- Michigan State Park camping and recreational facilities

Address: 686 Tawas Beach Road, East Tawas, MI 48730

Phone: (989) 362-5041 or www.michiganhistory.org

Location: Tawas Point State Park is located off US-23, 2.5 miles southeast of East Tawas on Tawas Beach Road.

Hours: Call ahead or check Web site for 2004 season hours.

Admission: State park vehicle entry permit required.



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